## National Service in Arkansas

### Year in Review



#### MEETING NEEDS IN ARKANSAS

Last year more than 3,200 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in Arkansas. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$9.5 million in federal funding to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems. AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

National service participants served at more than 300 locations across Arkansas, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans' facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$5.1 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in Arkansas in the last year. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

### **AMERICORPS**



Last year, more than 600 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Arkansas, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. AmeriCorps members serve in one of three programs:

- AmeriCorps State & National engages men and women
  in intensive service at thousands of locations across the
  country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies,
  tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most
  AmeriCorps grant funding goes to EngageAR, the
  Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in
  turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local
  needs.
- AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)
  taps the skills, talents, and passion of Americans of all
  ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
  is a full-time, team-based residential program for 18-24
  year-olds. Members develop leadership skills by
  contributing to public safety, environment, and disaster
  projects. FEMA Corps, a unit of NCCC, focuses solely on
  disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 10,000 Arkansas residents have served approximately 16 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$33.2 million.

### SENIOR CORPS



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges. Last year, more than 2,600 Arkansas seniors met critical community needs while contributing to their own health and well-being through one of three Senior Corps programs:

- Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with exceptional needs.
- Senior Companions help seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes.
- RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services.

Last year, Foster Grandparents tutored and mentored 1,900 young people, Senior Companions helped 280 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 100 organizations across Arkansas.

#### **LEARN MORE**

To see other reports about national service in Arkansas, please contact AR@cns.gov. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service, visit NationalService.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.



## Arkansas | Year in Review At a Glance Report



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AmeriCorps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
AmeriCorps Affiliate	1	2	2	\$11,630	-
AmeriCorps National	13	26	113	\$479,402	\$996,145
AmeriCorps NCCC	6	6	55	-	-
AmeriCorps State	13	84	297	\$904,788	\$1,329,680
AmeriCorps VISTA	21	26	156	\$549,206	\$1,501,377
AMERICORPS TOTAL	54	144	623	\$1,945,026	\$3,827,202
Senior Corps	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	7	109	428	-	\$1,980,359
RSVP	5	105	2,214	-	\$790,132
Senior Companion Program	1	1	28	-	\$118,932
SENIOR CORPS TOTAL	13	215	2,670	-	\$2,889,423
Other Funding	Projects	Service Locations	Completed Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding
State Commission Investment Funds	3	-	-	-	\$541,640
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$249,989
Training and Technical Assistance	2	-	-	-	\$47,017
OTHER FUNDING TOTAL	6	-	-	-	\$838,646
PROGRAM TOTALS	73	359	3,293	\$1,945,026	\$7,555,270
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Educa	tion Scholarship	s)			\$9,500,296
TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-	CNCS Resources)	)			\$5,180,334
TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PR	ROJECT SUPPORT				\$14,680,630

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Arkansas, with 381 AmeriCorps member and 2,942 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

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Arkansas. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans.

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City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Completed Locations Participants	Education Scholarships	Federal ( Funding F	Current Participants
Adona	Petit Jean State Park (November 8, 2019 - Current) Petit Jean State Park	AmeriCorps NCCC		-	-	10
Avilla	Arkansas 4-H Center (November 8, 2019 - Current) Arkansas 4-H Center	AmeriCorps NCCC		-	-	12
Batesville	Economic Development Outreach Economic Development Administration	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 1	\$6,095	\$16,704	-
Conway	Univ of Central Arkansas University of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps State		-	-	12
Fayetteville	Apple Seeds (April 13 - July 13, 2019) Apple Seeds, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	1 9	-	-	-
Fayetteville	Apples in the Classroom Apple Seeds, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 4	\$23,855	\$65,079	4
Fayetteville	Credit Counseling of Arkansas Credit Counseling of Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	1
Fayetteville	FoodCorps MS FoodCorps, Inc.	AmeriCorps National		-	-	1
Fayetteville	Montana Energy Corps National Center for Appropriate Technology	AmeriCorps State	1 1	\$2,960	\$6,735	-
Fayetteville	Native Food Sovereignty Fellows University of Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 1	\$5,920	\$16,125	-
Fayetteville	NCAT - Southeast FoodCorps, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	4 9	\$53,280	\$95,431	10
Fayetteville	Tri Cycle Farms Inc. Tri Cycle Farms Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 3	\$18,110	\$49,533	-
Fayetteville	Tri-Cycle (September 21 - December 14, 2019) Tri Cycle Farms, Inc.	AmeriCorps NCCC	3 9	-	-	-
Fayetteville	Volunteer Action Center and Full Circle program development Center for Community Engagement at University of Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 2	\$12,015	\$32,829	1
Fort Smith	Denton, TX IA R06-3634-TX-DSA-DSA (June 12 - June 27, 2019) FEMA- Federal Regional Center- Denton, TX	AmeriCorps NCCC	1 6	-	-	-
Fort Smith	Future School Capacity Creation Team Future School of Fort Smith	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	2
Fort Smith	Jumpstart Arkansas University of Arkansas-Fort Smith	AmeriCorps State	2 3	\$3,870	\$8,164	12
Fort Smith	University of Arkansas Fort Smith Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1 16	\$20,047	\$33,856	-
Harrison	CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1 4	\$12,649	\$1,685	-
Harrison	North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education North Arkansas Partnership for Health Education	AmeriCorps VISTA	3 19	\$104,795	\$286,406	10
Harrison	SCA AR Student Conservation Association, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	1 4	\$11,840	\$1,520	-
Hot Springs	Affilate Stewards Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps Affiliate	1 1	\$5,815	-	-
Hot Springs	CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network	AmeriCorps National	1 1	\$2,255	\$305	1



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City	Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type	Service Cor Locations Par	npleted ticipants	Education Scholarships	Federal Funding	Current Participants
Jonesboro	City of Jonesboro City of Jonesboro	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$5,920	\$16,125	1
Jonesboro	Economic Development Outreach Economic Development Administration	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	-
Jonesboro	Foundation for the MidSouth, Inc. Foundation for the MidSouth, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	3
Jonesboro	HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. HISPANIC COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	6	\$26,610	\$72,728	-
Jonesboro	Legal Aid VISTA Legal Aid of Arkansas, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,190	\$33,408	3
Little Rock	Access to Healthy Foods, AR Children's Research Institute Arkansas Children's Hospital Research Institute	AmeriCorps VISTA	-	-	-	-	2
Little Rock	Affilate Stewards Conservation Legacy	AmeriCorps Affiliate	1	1	\$5,815	-	-
Little Rock	Alternative Classroom Experience/Summer Incentive Program Kiwanis Activities, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	1	29	\$101,948	\$214,517	11
Little Rock	AR Kids Read AR Kids Read	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	5	\$29,950	\$81,783	1
Little Rock	Arkansas Business Unit The Nature Conservancy	AmeriCorps National	1	1	\$5,920	\$14,932	-
Little Rock	Arkansas Dream Center Equal Heart	AmeriCorps National	1	15	\$32,450	\$71,560	5
Little Rock	Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance Share Our Strength	AmeriCorps National	1	2	\$11,840	\$13,440	1
Little Rock	Arkansas Public Policy Panel Arkansas Public Policy Panel	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	4	\$23,855	\$65,079	3
Little Rock	Arkansas Reads Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	8	21	\$54,408	\$136,342	19
Little Rock	Better Community Developmant Better Community Development Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	3	13	\$44,725	\$122,076	4
Little Rock	Boys and Girls Club of Central Arkansas II Boys and Girls Club of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps State	6	21	\$43,554	\$109,820	10
Little Rock	Building Healthy Communities University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	2	\$12,190	\$33,408	2
Little Rock	Center for Arkansas Legal Services Equal Justice Works	AmeriCorps National	1	3	\$8,426	\$17,755	-
Little Rock	Central Arkansas Library System Central Arkansas Library System	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,095	\$16,704	4
Little Rock	City of Little Rock City of Little Rock	AmeriCorps State	1	26	\$34,361	\$80,265	-
Little Rock	City Year Little Rock - NATL City Year, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	8	29	\$164,025	\$410,630	43
Little Rock	City Year Little Rock - STA City Year, Inc.	AmeriCorps National	3	25	\$133,200	\$287,446	-
Little Rock	Connecting Patient Resources through Social Needs Screenings University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences	AmeriCorps VISTA	1	1	\$6,195	\$17,571	3



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Little Rock	Educating, Equipping, and Empowering Homeless Families in AR Our House, Inc	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 41	\$113,079	\$308,612	13
Little Rock	Family Promise of Pulaski County: Poverty-stricken Services Family Promise of Pulaski County	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	2
Little Rock	Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas Girl Scouts Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas	AmeriCorps State	7 9	\$20,093	\$50,629	8
Little Rock	Literacy Action of Central Arkansas VISTA Project Literacy Action of Central Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 1	\$5,920	\$16,125	-
Little Rock	Our House, Inc Our House, Inc	AmeriCorps State	1 30	\$83,739	\$188,202	19
Little Rock	RCC- Oklahoma/Arkansas American National Red Cross DC	AmeriCorps National	1 1	\$5,815	\$13,330	-
Little Rock	Rural Local Initiatives Support Corporation	AmeriCorps National	1 1	\$5,920	\$12,011	-
Little Rock	Teach For America - Greater Delta: Mississippi and Arkansas Teach For America	AmeriCorps National		-	-	26
Little Rock	TFA-Arkansas Teach For America	AmeriCorps State	19 47	\$278,240	\$47,000	-
Little Rock	Urban League of the State of Arkansas Urban League of the State of Arkansas	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	3
Little Rock	Wildwood Park (January 5 - February 20, 2019) Wildwood Park for the Arts	AmeriCorps NCCC	1 11	-	-	-
Lowell	UWNWA 2-1-1 Economic VITAlity United Way of Northwest Arkansas, Inc.	AmeriCorps State		-	-	5
Magnolia	Southern Arkansas University VISTA Southern Arkansas University	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 30	\$38,698	\$106,057	8
Marianna	Mississippi River State Park (February 20 - April 6, 2019) Mississippi River State Park	AmeriCorps NCCC	1 11	-	-	-
Marvell	Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 11	\$18,819	\$51,477	5
Monticello	AR Smart Start AmeriCorps Tutoring Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	AmeriCorps State	13 45	\$113,314	\$262,360	47
Monticello	Arkansas AmeriCorps Future Teacher Initative Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	AmeriCorps State	10 28	\$83,055	\$11,200	26
Monticello	Arkansas Coordinated School Health AmeriCorps Program Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	AmeriCorps State	9 14	\$40,735	\$102,445	-
Morrilton	Community Service, Inc. Tutoring/Mentoring Program Conway County Community Service, Inc.	AmeriCorps State	6 23	\$44,511	\$112,001	14
North Little Rock	Saint Joseph's Center of Arkansas (April 13 - July 13, 2019) St. Joseph Center of Arkansas	AmeriCorps NCCC	1 9	-	-	-
North Little Rock	The Stand Foundation The Stand Foundation	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 1	\$5,920	\$16,125	-



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North Little Rock	The Stand Foundation III The Stand Foundation	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	2
Ozark	Ozark-St.Francis Mt. Adams Institute	AmeriCorps National	1 2	\$11,735	\$22,244	-
Pocahontas	Foundation for the MidSouth, Inc. Foundation for the MidSouth, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	1
Rogers	Camp Alliance, Inc Camp Alliance, Inc.	AmeriCorps VISTA	1 6	\$22,155	\$60,718	9
Russellville	Establishment of ATU's Center for Community Engagement Vista Arkansas Tech University	AmeriCorps VISTA		-	-	2
AMERICORPS	S TOTAL		146 623	\$1,945,026	\$3,827,202	381

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Arkadelphia	Southcentral Arkansas FGP Ouachita Baptist University	Foster Grandparent Program	16	69	-	\$288,189	53
Augusta	ARcare RSVP ARcare	RSVP	11	123	-	\$94,295	250
Batesville	Batesville FGP White River Area Agency on Aging	Foster Grandparent Program	20	60	-	\$271,499	60
Conway	State of Arkansas FGP Program Arkansas Department of Human Services/Office of Comms. and Community Engagement	Foster Grandparent Program	15	67	-	\$407,180	67
El Dorado	Tri-County RSVP South Arkansas Regional Health Center Inc.	RSVP	8	150	-	\$120,914	150
Fort Smith	KI BOIS Community Action RSVP Ki Bois Community Action Foundation	RSVP	-	-	-	-	2
Fort Smith	WestArk RSVP Western Ark Counseling & Guidance Center	RSVP	33	750	-	\$248,882	750
Gillham	Western Arkansas FGP Dequeen-Mena Educational Coop	Foster Grandparent Program	33	88	-	\$389,362	68
Helena-West Helena	Ms River Delta FGP Save the Children Field Office (AR)	Foster Grandparent Program	1	5	-	\$29,890	5
Hot Springs	SCP of West Central Arkansas-Senior Specialists Area Agency on Aging of West Central Arkansas	Senior Companion Program	-	-	-	-	124
Jonesboro	East Arkansas Foster Grandparent Program East Arkansas Area Agency on Aging, Inc. AR	Foster Grandparent Program	10	34	-	\$158,399	34
Monticello	Southeast Arkansas FGP Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (SEARK)	Foster Grandparent Program	14	105	-	\$435,840	95
North Little Rock	Central Arkansas SCP Central Arkansas Area Agency Aging	Senior Companion Program	1	28	-	\$118,932	24
Stuttgart	Stuttgart North Arkansas County RSVP Stuttgart Chamber of Commerce	RSVP	21	475	-	\$180,175	468
Wrightsville	RSVP of Central Arkansas Future Builders	RSVP	32	716	-	\$145,866	792

TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)

TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT



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SENIOR COR	PS TOTAL		215	2,670	-	\$2,889,423	2,942
Other Fu	ınding						
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Little Rock	AR Division of Higher Ed	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$149,090	-
Little Rock	AR Division of Higher Ed	State Commission Operations Support	-	-	-	\$249,989	-
Little Rock	Arkansas Service Commission	State Commission Investment Funds	-	-	-	\$392,550	-
Little Rock	AR Division of Higher Ed III AR Division of Higher Ed	Training and Technical Assistance	-	-	-	\$18,898	-
Little Rock	FY2019 CHC Surge Funding Arkansas Service Commission	Training and Technical Assistance	-	-	-	\$28,119	-
OTHER FUND	ING TOTAL		-	-	-	\$838,646	-
PROGRAM TO	DTALS		361	3,293	\$1,945,026	\$7,555,270	3,323
TOTAL CNCS	FUNDING (including Education Scholarships)						\$9,500,296

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